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# CONTEST OVER THE PLATFORM IS THE CENTRAL FEATURE.

The Resolutions Committee Deadlocked on 16 to 1-Result

Doubtful.

Vice Presidential Race Is Towne Against the Field, With Stevenson Leading the Field and Steadily Gaining in Strength.

YESTERDAY'S CONVENTION NEWS SUMMARIZED.

There have been three exciting features to-day. The Resolutions Committee attracted intense interest by fiercely debating the silver plank. Both sides claim enough votes, but neither is sure. The committee has not taken a ballet.

There will be to-day a minority report and a great debate on the floor of

The second feature was the rapid development of Stevenson's vice presi-

Third among the features was the ovation Senator Hill received in the convention at all three sessions. This was part sympathy for a man defeated by

Kansas City has handled the immense Fourth of July crowd with success.

The city still hopes that Mr. Bryan will come down after his nomination to

Late to-night the moderates express a mild hope that by earnest words in

address the convention. Kansas City people want another big day. They de-

Tammany and part belief that he would be an available Democratic candidate

dential strength. The South took him up in carnest. It was felt that Towne would be nominated unless the opposition united on one man. As the contest

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. Kansas City, Mo., July 4.-Kansas City is not a tame town, and its first National Convention has surprised everybody by refusing to be a tame affair.

The spirit of the town appears in the Democratic National Council.

stands to-night it is Stevenson against Towne.

and is to-night feeling very much like a metropolis.



STEVENSON AND TOWNE LEADING.

Both Make Gains by Keller's Presentment-Shively Is Urged to Stand-Situation Is Very Complex.

Kansas City, Mo., July 4.-It looks like the field against Charles A. Towns, the Re-publican-Populist from Minnesota, for the Democratic nomination for Vice President.
Stevenson leads the field.

A series of magnificent ovarious tendered stances, mild if to David B. Hill in the convention to-day pen that the conv conservative element in the party, the Solid
South, the Middle Western, many of the
States are petting ready to under the Eastern
States are petting ready to under the Eastern Western and probably all the Eastern for Adlai States are getting ready to unite on a man

ly, but the Indiana man, by his own state- | Virginia and Pennsylvania, probably on the

Stevenson, now that a New York man is

ning mate. Towne's Strength.

But Towns must be reckoned with as an exceedingly dangerous quantity, from all appearances. He is not making any estimates of his strength, but he is just as confident of winning as if the nomination were already in his grasp. He has selected L. A. Roeing chalrman of the Minnes Ma State Democratic Committee and delegaceat-large, to place him in namination,

Towns bimself expects to be called before the convention. He is something of a "spellbinder," and his friends believe that if he once gets the ear of the entire Democratic assemblage he will sweep away all epposition to his nomination and carry the convention by storm. He relies on his advocacy of the Nebraskan's silver platform, as well my his popularity in the West, to make such a showing that the convention, yielding to the wishes of the head of the ticket, will come to the conclusion that the Minnesota Congressman is the best available candidate for second

Democrats us Mr. Bryan sees them," sald Towne to-day. "And I am confident of being selected as the candidate for the Vice President. We must have the Status that we carried four years ago. We must have the Populist and Silver Republican votes. And I am sure my nomination will

secure them.
"We will have just as good a chance in New York and Indiana as if an Eastern man were nominated. In fact, I believe that if the convention names me for the second place, the ticket will win without

Keller Is a Frest.

John W. Keiler, whom the New York delegation last night, by a close marsin, indersed for the vice presidential nomina-tion, circulated among the various Eastern siderably while the convention was in ses-sion, but judging from the expressions of delegates he falled to impress them as a likely man for the place. He is looked upon as the tool of Tampania. as the tool of Tammany, the stalking horse of the major faction in the New York dole-

Vice President, but he is quite convenient to cover up the real purpose and position of the Empire State, which is just as much

a mystery as ever. Mr. Croker unwillingly damns his cand date with faint praise in saying that he makes about as good a campaign speech as he ever heard, without suggesting that he might possess other and better political qualities that recommend him to

Democrats of the country as a fitting rua-ing mate for the Democratic leader. From all the talk heard to-day and tals evening Keller represents nothing, and the general disposition is to treat his candidacy as a local New York movement.

Sulzer now says he does not care. A fer days ago he announced that 400 individual delegates were pledged to him. To-day ha explains that many of these were in split cus formally at 9 o'clock to-morrow, and it delegations, and that he may full to realize is probable that the delegation will agree his expectations because of the decision of these delegates to vote with their States in

Shively Forced Forward. Indiana, disgusted with the action of New York in putting forth Keller and unwilling to accept Towne under any circumstances, insists on forcing Shively to the front, despite Mr. Shively's declaration on Monday despite Mr. Shively's declaration on Monday that he was not and would not be a canrefterated to the delega-

STAFF CORRESPONDENT OF THE REPUBto-day, the Indiana delegation decided to
nominate Shively, G. V. Menzies, chairman of the delegation, was chosen to make

Ransas City, Mo., July 4.—It looks like in man of the delegation, was chosen to make

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the nominating speech. To-night Mr. Shively said: "Indiara's apparent persistence in having me make the Page 1.
race is movely a matter of politeness. I did The Vice Presidency—Page 1.

Hillingle, which last night declared for Statement, is not quite so unanimous for him, it develops. The delegation will stick to Statement, but there are three or four Adial Ewing Stevenson is growing in favor. His stock went up like a styrocket to-day. Some of the wavering delegations getting the factoring more marked to give declared for him; others that had been proposed for a New York man brook like the Stevenson following, led by New York and Pennsylvania. Arizansas is out for him strong. He was not at first the choice of the delegation, which was disposed to Shive the delegation, which was disposed to Shive IV, but the Indiana man, by his own same.

iv, but the Indiana man, by his own state meet that he was newliking to make the first ballet.

The East would prefer Stevenson to Town. The demonstrations for Hill have shown what the convention would do for him if parker of that State. Another is inclined parker of that State. Another is inclined. Stevenson, now that a New York man is improbable, is deemed the most likely man for the place. Hill is believed to favor him. Bryan is said to be very friendly to him personally, and would accept him as a ranning mate.

Stevenson, now that a New York man is for the place, and Shively is booked upon with favor. What the delegation will do a unit favor, who have charter Harrison of Chicago, who have been selected to nominate Stevenson in behalf of Illipots, loughs at the persistent of the personal property of the pers umor that he himself is a vice presidential

> (He is the nominee for Governor a). No. I don't want the nominaand couldn't take it. My personal ference was for Danforth, but New York an from that State, so we must look

> ate but the New Yorker is still among to possibilities. Oklahoma, Arizona, South arolina and Texas want a New Yorker.

Situation Very Complex. It is not probable that anothing like an accurate guide as to the nominee of the coverties can be made until to-morrow, and the convention itself will likely make

nested to-night, and with the approach of he time for the nomination to be made the Towns holds his own and gains a little.
Yesterday the Stevenson boom was aunched formally by Flinois and Pennsyl-To-day it gathers strength and

eves along swimmingly, but before dawn may be dend. Mr. Shively, declaring and declining, is esurrected and indiana is not alone in using him onto the battle-ground. He is

The quistus has been put upon Danforth.

but no might be up and doing by the mor-row. He is Hill's friend. The demonstra-tion in the convention to-day for him might argue well for Danforth. It cannot

be him any harm.

Hill hardly can be a candidate, but he sons, and may possibly make a mistage in acid that he will be soned to ward him, and be reliably kindly disposed toward him, and man who does not possess certain qualification. goes not tack appreciation. ing wint he tright do should the conven-tion insist upon a real New Yorker other than himself for second place. Keller is not reckoned in this calculation.

Then there is Governor John Walter Smith of Maryland, much talkel of in his own State and among Fasters delicated. There is no tell-

own State and among Eastern delegations Croker might support him Hill is not known to have any objection to him, but the Governor himself might not care to run on a 16 to 1 platform.

ARKANSAS FOR STEVENSON.

Informal Caucus Shows a Majority

for Him.

for Him.

Carrespondence of the Associated Press.

Managus, Nicaragus, June 14—The death on June 2 of General Irene Estrada of Managus has removed a strong link between the people who are not officials and President Zelaya. General Estrada and his elder brother were firm and reliable and independent friends of President Zelaya, and their support lad frequently saved him from everthrow.

The fact that President Zelaya has decided to reside with P. E. Schubert, a German subject, during his stay of about one month in the civil department of Laon is but one of the several evidences of President Zelaya's great confidence in members of the intre confidence in members of the large colonies of Germans in Nicaragus. delegation considered informally to-day the cally for Adlai Stevenson. They will caucus formally at 9 e'clock to-morrow, and it

as a unit to support the former Vice Presi-Originally the Arkansas men strongly inclined to Shively of Indiana. They wanted a man of good stature, free from factions, one who could add strength to the ticket. Had the Indiana man permitted his name to he presented in the first place, the Arkansas delegation probably would have supported him urgently. But Shively has waited too long, if he really intends to run. To-day he day with the additional statement was informed candidly by one of the lead-would have to decline if nominated. ers of the Arkansas delegation that he had no persists in having a candidate consented to be a candidate too bto.

LEADING TOPICS

# TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

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## CONVENTION FEATURES.

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America Presents Statue to France, The City's Pinances. 2. The Rallways.

Nelson Plant to Be Absorbed. Death of John G. Priest. Crowds Heard Roosevelt.

19. Results at the Race Tracks. Baseball Games, H. Western Crew Wins Barge Race.

Willing to Share Rusband's Sentence, Use of Firearms Causes Fatality,

they told Shively; "but now we cannot supyou, after Stevenson has been prehas become more complicated. You should not enter the race, after having declined to to so at the right time. We are for Sic

The Arkansas men believe that the Illiquire in their choice for the second place. and to-night it is their intention to agree ormally in the morning to support him as a delegation. Attorney General Davis has received many

invitations to deliver speeches at public gatherings in the city, but has declined, all his time being taker almost constantly with work of his delegation, either in or out of the convertion hall.

To-day Mr. Davis had the pleasure of collecting a bet made at long odds nearly a year ago. He wigered Powell Cahill, a traveling man, 160 to 10 that he (Davise) would be nominated for Governor of Arkaneas. To-day he collected the cash. The bet was made July 17, 1999, and at that time there were four candidates in the field. It is said that at one time in the campaign the olds were 10 to 1 that Davis could not carry four countles. When the convention met be secured all the counties but one To-day he received a good many congratu-lations on eashing in his \$10, for which he had staked \$100.

toward Towne, but it is expected that tomorrow they will agree as a unit to sup-

port Stevenson.

The Texans have not yet agreed formally upon the'r candidate for Vice President. The members of the Lone Star delegation are thinking seriously of Stevenson, as a second choice Shively is mentic. Towne has no supporters in this body.

"We want," said Chairmon Cooper this evening, "a Democrat of clean record and national size. We have no choice of persons, and may possibly make a mistage in man who does not possess certain qualifi-cations. We feel that Stevenson has them and Shively also.
"The latter coming from Indiana offers

some advantages, as we want to carry that State. We have not decided yet how we shall vote as a delegation, but to-night are discussing informally these two candi-

dates.

"To-mortow our delegation probably will caucus and decide finally whom we will support."

## GERMANY IN NICARAGUA.

Incident Showing an Increase of Its Influence.

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Another fact showing the increase in German influence in Nicaragua is that German engineers get much the larger part of national railway construction in the

of national failway construction in the country.

Coffee is beins exported rapidly, usually via Corinto and Panama to Europe or New York City, Much coffee, however, is shipped this year from Nicaragua to San Francisco. An unusually large area has been planted the past mouth in corn, rice and beans and yucca. The planting is done usually in primitive style, plows seldom being used.

Rainfalls are very abundant.

RICHARD CROKER. WILLIS J. ABBOT.

For Missouri-Thunderstorms Thurs-For Illinois-Fair and continued warmer: possibly thunderstorms in the afternoon; partly cloudy Friday;

For Arkansas-Showers and cooler Thursday; fair Friday; variable

## the right spirit before the convention the ratio of 16 to 1 may be kept out of the platform. It is a slight hope, but that it exists at all is a change from yes-

on the Bryan ticket.

nomination under any circumif by any charge it should hapconvenien named me. I should hapconvenien named me. I should not be any circum.

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Missourt and Illingts Delegations—
Remarkable Tributes to Bryan and Hill by the

TWO GREAT OVATIONS.

event and such a day, the Democratic National Convention began its session to-day. But, after sitting until a late hour tonight, the expected climar of the day-the nomination of William J. Bryan as the Democratic candidate for President-failed of realization, and all of the larger business of the convention awaits the comple-

fervid party man, for the vast assemblage the storm faintly could be heard the strains of the band, which had broken out swept with whirtwind demonstrations, first for the leader who is about to be placed in nomination, and then for that other champion of Democracy-David 11. Hill. But in actual accomplishment the day's work is confined to organization, with speeches of the temporary chairman, Governor Thomas of Colorado, and of the permanent chairman, James D. Richardon of Tennessee; the appointment of the various committees and the detailed preparations for the more serious work yet in store. Inspiring Scene.

It was an inspiring scene that Chairman Jones looked out upon when, at noon, after beating a fattoo with his gavel, he stilled the tumult and declared the convention epen. About him were fully 25,000 people, rising tier on tier, like the spectators in some collseum, while on either side stretched away the rows of desks accommodating members of the press from every section of the country. Above and on all sides was a gargeous sunburst of color, huge fings in resettes and graceful fanshaped bunting, streamers, mottors and coats-of-arms of the many States, mingling with the bright summer hats and dresses of the many women present. But it was clearly not a gathering alone of wealth and fashion. The bronzed faces of many of the men, their coarse shirts, collarless and scarfless, marked them as from the soil. With hardly an exception, they took off their coats and sat shirt-sleeved and demo-

Many of the women were in cambrics and ginghams rather than in summer siiks and laces. It was a gathering none the less inspired with the patriotic spirit of the day, which found constant expression in wild hurrahs at every sound of "Dixle" or

'America.' In the body of delegates were the best known men of the party, many of them of national reputation. Immediately in front sat Governor John Walter Smith of Maryland and his delegation. Alongside them was that notable New York trio, Crober, Murphy and Van Wyck. To the right was the classical face of Daniels of Virginin, while back of him Arthur Sewall of Maine and Secator White of California con-

ferred across the aisle. To the left, at the head of the Massachisetts delegation, was their intreplo young leader, George Pred Williams, Near him sat Governor McMillin of Tennessee and the tall, gaunt, Clay-like figure of Richardson, soon to be permanent chairman of the convention.

With the Kentucklians sat their youthful Governor, Beckham, accompanied by Senator Blackburn and ex-Governor McCreary. Dramatic Incidents.

Senator Hill was late to come upon the scene. The great audience had been eagerly awaiting him, and his entrance was the signal for the first real ovation of the day He found no place reserved among the Croker-Murphy dignitaries in the forefront with a seat far in the rear. Sitting with the Mississippi delegation was a whitehaired lady alternate, Mrs. W. J. Brown of that State, and further back sat Mrs. J. N. Cohen, another lady alternate, from Sait

The early proceedings of the convention were marked by two brilliant but rather ill-timed speeches, one of welcome from the Mayor of the city and the other from Governor Thomas of Colorado assuming the duties of temporary chairman. But the delegates fretted during these deliverances and sought for more exciting themes.

Kansas City, Mc., July 4 .- Amid scenes of I reading of the Declaration of Independence. tumultuous enthusiasm befitting such an As the reading was about to begin, two in the Stars and Stripes. As the crator raised his voice for the first words of the immortal instrument, the draperies were thrown back, disclosing a splendid head of Bryan. The effect was electrical upon the vast assemblage, which, up to that mo-ment, had neither heard the name nor seen

with the national anthem. Men and women were on their feet, waving handkerchiefs, coats and fars, and joining in the wild chorus. As the orator sought to proceed there were demands from all parts of the hall to see the full face of the leader. and, as it was turned about, first this way and then that, each turn evoked a fresh outburst from some new quarter. At last the uproar quieted and Orator Hampton, youthful and strong-voiced, read the docu ment which, 124 years ago to-day, made

America free Quickly following this came another outburst as a young woman from New York mounted the platform and, in clear soprano, sang "The Star Spangled Banner. Deafening cheers greeted the song, and as the last line died away and the singer turned, the strains of "America" prose, and the vast sinflence, with one accord. took up the inspiring air and here it forward in tumultuous pason of the nation's

The outburst of patriotism now turned in new direction and, during a momentary pause in the proceedings, the name of "Hill" was sounded. It was quickly caught up, first among the delegates and then from gallery to gallery among the spectators until the whole multitude had joined in a noisy demand for the former Senator from New York. For fully ten minutes the enthusiastic demonstration proceeded, the chairman battling vainly against it. Delegates stood on chairs and joined in the demand, and the Senator was surrounded by a shouting crowd of insistent men. He smiled and shook his head throughout the demonstration. Many of the New Yorkers joined in the tribute, but it was noticeable that the immediate following of Mr. Croker and the Tammany leader himself held their seats and maintained a stuffd composure throughout the remarkable tribute

to their associate. . At last, when the demonstration had run on for fifteen minutes, Hill could be seen rising from his obscure pince in the body of the New York delegation. He bowed and smiled, and his lips moved to address the chairman. But as well might he have addressed Niagara, for the waves of tumultuous sound drowned every other sound, and he dropped back in his seat. When the delegates had time to think they began to ask each other if Hill was to be the hero of this convention, for another such demenstration, at an opportune time, might have carried the convention off its feet and place him on the ticket with Bryan, in spite of all contrary calculations.

The routine proceedings were quickly disposed of. But even in this there was opportunity to give further tribute to the New Yorker, and when Judge Van Wyck's name was called as the New York member of the Platform Committee, a tremendous call for Hill, mingled with hisses from those who opposed him, greeted the announceof the delegation and contented himself ment, With the committees appointed, there was nothing to do but await their reports, and the convention took a recess at 2:30 until 4 o'clock. As the delegates filed out of the hall they

pressed around Senator Hill, who for half an hour was the center of an enthusiastic personal greeting from individual delegates. At 4 o'clock the committees were not yet ready to report, and another adjournment was taken until \$30 p. m.

It remained for the night session to bring the most remarkable demonstration of the entire day. Again the great structure was The first dramatic episode of the day oc-invaded by thousands, and the moving pic-curred after Campau of Michigan had se-ture took on Lew giories of color and anicurse the adoption of a resolution for the mation under the glars of countless electric



were formal and profitless, but when at the close of the speech of Permanent Chairman Richardson he paid a glowing tribute to William J. Bryan, pandemonium broke loose and the historic scene of Bryan's nomitation at Chicago was repeated, even exceeded, in a frenzied demonstration lasting half an hour. The State standards were wrenched tion of the platform.

As a spectacular event, however, the convention has fulfilled the hopes of the most vention and the marble from their sockets and home aloft; a battle form their sockets and home aloft a battle form their sockets are aloft a battle form their sockets and home aloft a battle form

ing multitude; Outside of the formal proceedings of the day interest was centered in the action of which took place this evening. Crowds be-

the possible Democratic States of the East, are unanimously in favor of not relterating the money plank of the Chicago platform. I believe the retteration to be unnecessary therefore unwise, when it is clear that dur-ing the campaign the money issue is not to be parameunt with the other more impor-

Some attention should be paid to the voice New York, New Jersey, Maryland and West Virginia. It is an important crisis in the history of the Democratic party. If conservative action is the result of the conention, the candidates nominated would be

### tion, briefly expressed. CARTER HARRISON'S VIEWS.

Believes Stevensen Will Win-Hill's Popularity.

BY CARTER H. HARRISON. Kansas City, July 1.- There may be a ditergence of opinion as to whether Kansas City is a large enough city in which to hold a National Convention of one of the great political parties, and whether the

month of July is the proper month for large bodies of men to visit it. There is no dif-ference of opinion relative to the treatment Kansas City accords the stranger within What the city could do to add to the amfort of the delegates and facilitate the business of the emvention has been cone, and any failure in either respect is due to

and any failure in either respect is due to the size of the city and the quality of its summer weather, not to the spirit and hos-ptainty of its people.

The one outburst of real enthusiasm in the Convention Hall was the treatment accorded Senator Hill, who has been made a matter of by the mad collides of Tamartyr of by the mad politics of Tamgreeting and the greeting given Senator Hill by the last National Convention he attend-

ed was striking indeed to those who were present on both occasions. Four years ago when he presented a reert, which was rejected, for the Chicago statform, even courteous treatment was de-sed him, and Senstor Hill read his carefully prepared cration to deaf ears. To-day delegates and visitors both vied in demand-ing a sight of the distinguished New York-

er and hearing a word from his lips. The Stevenson vice presidential boom is growing, and the final fight will probably be between the former Vice President and Mr. Towns. A number of States will cast com-pilmentary ballots for favorite sons. When this important duty has been performed the convention will be face to face with the convention will be face to face with the

of the party for the second place on the licket or whether it desires an old-line Democrat names! for the high honor. When the delegates consider this situation, it is my prophecy that Uncle Adlai will be the win-

THE BIG PARADE.

Required One Hour to Pass & Given Point.

feature of the convention and a fitting ending of the day's celebration was the parade

ing of the day's celebration was the parade day interest was centered in the action of the Platform Committee. As the eventors advanced it became known that a determined strusgle was in progress, involving tot only the question of incorporating a specific is to I declaration in the party declaration, but to some extent involving the desires of the prospective nominee as to the terms of the platform. The outcome is awaited with absorbing interest as the chief development of to-morrow.

HILL'S STATEMENT.

"Conservatism Means Victory"—

He Expects to Win.

BY DAVID B HILL.

Kaneas City, Mo., July 4.—The work of the convention is progressing slowly, but with reasonable satisfaction. Much depends upon the action of the Platform Committee, which will be known to-morrow.

The sentiment of the convention is very largely in favor of conservative action, and that will be the result unless outside influences are brought to hear to shape it otherwises. It is believed that the division of the Platform Committee is very close on the pratform Committee is very close on the pratform Committee is very close on the platform Co

COMPLIMENT TO LEWIS.

Oregon Will Place Him in Nomination, but Without Hope.

Kansas City, Mo., July 4.—The Idaho delegation held its caucus at 10 o'clock this morning and decided to place the name of J. Hamilton Lewis before the convention as a candidate for Vice President, Mr. Lewis will be placed in nomination by Mr. Dunphy of Washington. When the roll of States is called, Idaho will yield its place to Washington and, after the speech of Mr. Dunphy, W. Reid of Idaho will second the nom tion of Mr. Lewis. The delegation said that they had no idea that Mr. Lewis will be able to secure the nomination, and, after the first ballot, the State's vote will be cast for the man showing the greatest strength. The silver question was not taken up, it being the sense of the delegation that it would be best to accept whatever the majority of the convention desires.

HILL IN HIS ROOM. Massachusetts Legislators Repudi-

ate Williams's Views. Kansas City, July 4.-Former Senator Hill did not go to the Convention Hall to-night. He had been told that nothing of importance would be done, and so stayed in his rooms, receiving delegations and leaders. One of his callers was General Sinciair of West Virginia, who told him that the fight in the Committee on Resolutions over the silver plank was a hard one, and it would be either adopted or defeated by a very

close margin.
Senator Hill received a telegram from the Democratic members of the Legislature of Massachusetts, in which they said that George Fred Williams did not represent their views on the platform, and that they were with Senator Hill for conservatism.

HILL WILL SECOND.

To Speak for the Nomination of Bryan.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Kansas City, Mo., July 4.—The biggest development to-night outside of the platfo fight is that Dayld B. Hill will second the nomination of Bryan. Hill consented to do so to-day, and his friends expect that this decision will strengthen his position in favor of a simple reaffirmation of the Chi-cage platform.